

REMARKS

Claims 83-96 are pending in the present application, claims 83-96 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies shown during the personal interview on December 3, 2010. This response is provided in accordance with the discussions during that interview.

Claims 58-61 and 63-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Nakajima (U.S. Patent No. 7,523,067) in view of Schutzer (U.S. Patent No. 6,873,974). These claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 83-96 have been added in their place. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

In accordance with the discussions during the interview, Applicant has made further amendments to the claims that were presented informally at that time. Among other things, Applicant has now specified that the first communication section is an infrared (IR) communication, and the second communication section is a wireless communication. Applicant has also specified that the "another device" is a service terminal. Further, Applicant has attempted to further specify the data being transmitted, in the form of instructions that are transmitted between the communication terminal and the service terminal, and the content of that data.

Specifically, claim 83 now recites a communication terminal for communicating with a service terminal, the communication terminal comprising an

infrared (IR) communication section and a second wireless communication section, wherein the first wireless IR communication section of the communication station receives, from the service terminal located within a distance suitable to communicate with said IR communication section, an initiation message comprising an instruction to start communication with the service terminal and a device list containing a list of device addresses of the service terminals in a wireless communication environment, and sends, to the service terminal, a start message for starting communication with the first wireless IR communication section of the communication terminal, the initiation message and the start message comprises a field that specifies to which of the first and IR communication section or the second wireless communication section communications are to be directed, and when the instruction specifies that communications are to be started with the second wireless communication section, the second wireless communication section establishes a communication session with the service terminal identified in a search of the device list included in the initiation message. This is not taught, disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Neither Nakajima nor Schutzer disclose a communication terminal including both an IR communication section and a wireless communication section. Further, neither Nakajima nor Schutzer disclose an initiation message suitable to communicate with said IR communication section, an initiation message comprising an instruction to start communication with the service terminal and a device list containing a list of device addresses of the service terminals in a wireless communication environment, or that the second wireless communication establishes a communication

session with the service terminal identified in a search of the device list included in the initiation message when the instruction specifies that communications are to be started with the second wireless communication section. Since neither of the cited reference discloses these claimed elements, the combination, even assuming for the sake of argument only that the combination would have been obvious, would not have yielded the claimed invention. For at least these reasons, claim 83 is believed to be patentable of the cited art, whether taken alone or in combination as proposed in the Action.

Claims 86, 93, and 94 are believed to be patentable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 83. Claims 84-85, 87-92, and 95-96 are believed to be patentable in and of themselves, and for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 83.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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